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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

1. HK POLAD ALAN DONALD HAS ADVISED US OF POSSIBILITY THAT UK FONSEC CALLAGHAN MAY STOP IN WASHINGTON MAY 8 AND THAT SUBJECT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG MIGHT BE RAISED BY HIM IN CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS POSSIBILITY, HKG HAS PREPARED A BRIEFING TELEGRAM FOR BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.

2. ACCORDING TO DONALD, BRIEFING INCLUDES FOLLOWING POINTS:  
(A) HKG RESOURCES ARE "A BIT STRETCHED" BY CARING FOR ALMOST 4,000 REFUGEES; (B) PROBLEM OF TAKING IN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT A TIME WHEN CHINESE REFUGEES ARE BEING RETURNED TO PRC CONTROL REMAINS SENSITIVE ONE FOR HKG; (C) HONG KONG IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY PROCESSING VIETNAMESE TO DETERMINE TIES TO OR RELATIVES IN OTHER COUNTRIES;  
(D) IN RESPONSE TO HKG'S SUGGESTION THAT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG BE MOVED ALONG TO THE "MAIN STREAM"

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OF VIETNAMESE BEING PROCESSED IN GUAM, US CONGENOFFS HAD

STRESSED THE OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS ALREADY ON GUAM (HK 4891), BUT AGREED TO QUERY DEPARTMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL US ABSORPTION OF SOME PORTION OF GROUP.

3. DONALD ALSO INDICATED THAT CALLAGHAN MIGHT QUESTION THE DISTINCTION BEING MADE BY USG BETWEEN THOSE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG BY RESCUE SHIP AND THOSE SOMEHOW OR OTHER ASSISTED BY USG IN DEPARTING VIETNAM. AT SAME TIME, DONALD ACKNOWLEDGED THE POSSIBILITY THAT UKG WOULD ACCEPT SOME REFUGEES NOW IN HONG KONG AND OTHERS HAVING LOCAL TIES MIGHT BE ABSORBED INTO HONG KONG POPULATION.

4. DONALD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UK HOME SECRETARY WOULD BE QUERIED IN PARLIAMENT ON MAY 8 CONCERNING THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

5. WE ASSUME THAT IF THIS SUBJECT IS RAISED BY CALLAGHAN, IT IS AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE HKG AND MAY BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN'S ALLEGED STATEMENT THAT THOSE WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON BOARD THE CLARA MAERSK ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DANES AND THE BRITISH.  
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